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Inventor: Paul D. Grossman

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Title: PROBE/MOBILITY MODIFIER COMPLEXES FOR MULTIPLEX
NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE), Petition for 2-Month Extension of Time, and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 to read:

1. (Twice Amended) A composition for detecting two or more target nucleic acid sequences comprising:

a first complex comprising:

a first probe comprising a first target-specific portion for sequence-specific hybridization to a first target nucleic acid sequence that is flanked at each

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